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Aug 15.

This note was to go by Mr W. W. Brown & should have contained one from Mrs Massie & one from Mr Stanfield, but as Mr B.'s departure is put off for a fortnight I enclose the notes (?) in one to Mr May.

Bakewell
Derbyshire 15: 8mo
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What can I say to disarm my dear friend of the idea of want of sympathy in her pure Maternal joy, but I can assure thee thou and all thine had a full share in our congratulations on your happiness - and still how vexed I have felt myself I cannot describe that tho' "unable to write at the time I received thine from various causes, I had not employed some one to do it for me, and to have proposed your dear young Bride & Bridegroom should have made England their wedding tour and paid us a visit, The next

[illegible] woman & very cautious were was an idea of seeing what might be done to enlighten the Chiefs: Somebody would like to put an end to it, but they say we must leave a revenue for our heads more. Henry Bradshaw Parsons would trade with them in oil ivory & other produce he thinks they would cease in time to supply Slaves as so [illegible] be so profitable, & left of it [illegible] Cotton grows wild & is very plentiful for they trouble, but they do not know how to clean it for market near the coast

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crystal Palace so unlike
I am told to its predecessor
might have been an attrac
-tion for them, I do hope
they are well, and that
thy dear Girl may find
herself among the privileged
in her new life - you
will miss her much, I
should fear and her dear
young Sister specially -
I shall send this to your
friend Estlin fearing you
have left Paris - my hands
are swelled & painful I
can scarce hold the pen -
change of air I hope may do
something, but the near com
-pletion of my 71st year
forbids all hope of being fit
for exertion much longer,

Oh! with what pleasure should I hail the news ere I am called to depart, that America had risen anew from the cruel ties in which 1000's of her Citizens have been indulging themselves, in favour of Slavery. I do hope from the reports in the Anti Slavery Standard a brighter day is dawning on your beloved Country a purer spirit rising - I hope to collect again this year, and send by dear Mrs Mappie I can get no more beautiful silvered Glass. it did not take well enough & the manufacture is discontinued. I was so sorry the Box was so late as I had hoped long before it was sent off and gone, Do write me a few lines as I shall want to hear of you & so will my dear Brother. A young Man David Livingstone has crossed Africa where it is not known any One has been before I hope to hear some interesting particulars from him when he comes to England he is

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What a bold act that of W L Garrisons the other day burning the laws of the Constitution it must have had a great effect we think. How indefatigable is thy dear Sister. The report was so well drawn. Art thou really going to return to America. No doubt thy fond Mothers heart longs to see her dear Boy. I can fancy him

grown up a fine noble man full of earnest life and enthusiasm in the cause of the poor down trodden Ones - Pray what is H B Stowe doing dost thou know? Some of the People would like to hear - but I am writing miserably as it is in haste so must conclude with unchanged love thy friend Esther Strange. I love to all of those I am allowed to know. My dear Thomas unites

M W Chapman

...man & very welcome, was as ever ... of seeing what

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